

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 7, 14 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-13, 15-17, 20 and 22-23 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 7, 9, 14, 18-19, 21 and 24-27 are presented for examination.

Claims 7-9, 14, 18-21, and 23-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moss et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,144,549) in view of Sawyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,418, 010). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Moss in view of Sawyer.

Moss discloses a flat panel display module that can be mounted into a peripheral device bay of a computer system. The peripheral device bay of the flat panel display module is to be mounted in a horizontal orientation regardless of the computer system's orientation. See Moss at Abstract.

Sawyer discloses a fastener that adjusts the position of a mounted monitor. The monitor is mounted in either a first position or a second position. See Sawyer at col. 4, ll. 13-31.

Claim 7 of the present application recites an adjustable screw to lock a display device at one of a plurality of positions, wherein the plurality of positions includes a range of incremental positions between a first position and a second position. Applicant submits that neither Moss nor Sawyer disclose or suggest such a feature. The Examiner acknowledges that Moss fails to disclose an adjustable screw. See Office Action, mailed September 20, 2006 at page 3, line 3. Instead the Examiner relies on Sawyer as disclosing such a feature. However, Sawyer discloses a screw that can mount in monitor in a first or a second position,

which is not equivalent to a range of incremental positions between a first position and a second position, as recited by claim 1. Since neither Moss nor Sawyer teach or suggest an adjustable screw to lock a display device at one of a plurality of positions, wherein the plurality of positions includes a range of incremental positions between a first position and a second position, any combination of Moss and Sawyer would also fail to disclose or suggest the feature. Therefore, claim 7 is patentable over Moss in view of Sawyer.

Claims 9 and 25 depend from claim 7 and include additional features. Therefore, claims 9 and 25 are also patentable over Moss in view of Sawyer.

Claim 14 recites an adjustable screw to lock a display device at one of a plurality of positions, wherein the plurality of positions includes a range of incremental positions between a first position and a second position. Thus, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 7, claim 14 is also patentable over Moss in view of Sawyer. Since claims 19, 21 and 26 depend from claim 14 and include additional features, claims 19, 21 and 26 are also patentable over Moss in view of Sawyer.

Claim 18 recites an adjustable screw to lock a display device at one of a plurality of positions, wherein the plurality of positions includes a range of incremental positions between a first position and a second position. Thus, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 7, claim 18 is also patentable over Moss in view of Sawyer. Since claims 24 and 27 depend from claim 18 and include additional features, claims 24 and 27 are also patentable over Moss in view of Sawyer.

Claims 8, 20, and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Moss et al., in view of Sawyer as applied to claims 7-9, 14, 18-21, and 23-27 above, and further in view of Shiraisha et al.(U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0100621).

Claims 8, 20 and 23 have been cancelled thus obviating this rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.


Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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